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HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
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**To:** Hospice Agencies  
Managed Care Organizations

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**Subject: Hospice Services: Fee Schedule Updates**

**Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2007**, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) has updated the Hospice Fee Schedule.

### **What has changed?**

HRSA has updated the Hospice Fee Schedule (revenue codes 651, 652, 655, and 656) to align with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) current rate formula. For an updated Hospice Fee Schedule, visit HRSA on-line at:  
<http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/Index.html>.

### **Reimbursement for Pediatric Palliative Care**

In its 2007 session, the Washington State Legislature did not provide funding for an increase in Pediatric Palliative Care rates. Therefore, there is no increase to the reimbursement rate for pediatric palliative care. Pediatric Palliative Care (revenue code 659) is unchanged.

### **Background Information**

For more information on the elements HRSA uses to calculate the rate increase (wage component and non-weighted amount), view the CMS Related Change Request (CR) # 5685 referenced at  
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PropMedicareFeeSvcPmtGen/downloads/medicaidhospicerates.pdf>  
and the federal wage index at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/hospice.asp>.

To view the law governing the payment methodology, refer to 42 USC 1396a(a)(13)(B), 42 USC 1396d(o)(3), and WAC 388-551-1500 through WAC 388-551-1850.

### **How do I access WAMedWeb?**

This is a resource for healthcare providers conducting business electronically with Washington State Medicaid. <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

## How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain HRSA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to HRSA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click ***Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda*** or ***Provider Publications/Fee Schedules*** link).

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